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## Fwd: Moving forward with shutdown procedures

1 message

Mayr, Monika &lt;monika\_mayr@nps.gov&gt;

Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 8:30 AM

To: NPS BLRI Core Team &lt;blri\_core\_team@nps.gov&gt;, Leesa Brandon &lt;leesa\_brandon@nps.gov&gt;

Folks,

This is the message to begin orderly shutdown procedures.

Please meet together in the Supts conference room at 9:00 to discuss our next steps and messages out to employees.

Thanks,

Monika Mayr  
Deputy Superintendent  
Blue Ridge Parkway  
199 Hemphill Knob Road  
Asheville, NC 28803  
828-348-3403

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shawn Benge** <shawn\_benge@nps.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 6:50 AM

Subject: Fwd: Moving forward with shutdown procedures

To: NPS Name <ser\_superintendents\_by\_name@nps.gov>, NPS Correspondence  
<ser\_official\_correspondence@nps.gov>Cc: Austin Stanley <stan\_austin@nps.gov>, Gordon Wissinger <gordon\_wissinger@nps.gov>, Sherri Fields  
<sherri\_fields@nps.gov>, Ed Buskirk <ed\_buskirk@nps.gov>

Superintendents

Please see below. Please move forward with shutdown procedures. Info on issuing furlough notices will follow, but wanted to get this out. Please share with coordinators as I don't have the mailing list on my iPhone.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Margaret O'Dell" &lt;peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov&gt;

Date: October 1, 2013, 5:24:17 AM EDT

To: Jon Jarvis <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <Bruce\_Sheaffer@nps.gov>, Bert Frost <Bert\_Frost@nps.gov>, Stephanie Toothman <Stephanie\_Toothman@nps.gov>, Victor Knox <Victor\_Knox@nps.gov>, Patrick Gregerson <Patrick\_Gregerson@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>, Julia Washburn <Julia\_Washburn@nps.gov>, David Vela <David\_Vela@nps.gov>, Lena McDowall <Lena\_McDowall@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>, Don Hellmann

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**Subject: Fwd: Moving forward with shutdown procedures**

Please see message below from Laura Davis to begin shutdown procedures. Please distribute throughout your organizations.

We will likely have a call later today to check in with the shutdown team in the regions and WASO. More to come on time and call in info.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the NPS mission. Please remind all to put safety first as they begin the work to close parks and offices.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laura Davis <laura\_davis@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** October 1, 2013, 12:07:31 AM EDT  
**To:** Anne Castle <Anne\_Castle@ios.doi.gov>, Mike Connor <MLConnor@usbr.gov>, Elizabeth Washburn <ewashburn@usbr.gov>, Suzette M Kimball <suzette\_kimball@usgs.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <Tommy.Beaudreau@boem.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Joseph Pizarchik <JPizarchik@osmre.gov>, Glenda Owens <gowens@osmre.gov>, Walter Cruickshank <walter.cruickshank@boem.gov>, neil komze <nkomze@blm.gov>, Steven Ellis <sellis@blm.gov>, Brian Salerno <brian.salerno@bsee.gov>, Rachel Jacobson <Rachel\_Jacobson@ios.doi.gov>, "Jarvis, Jon" <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>, "Peggy O'Dell" <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>, Dan Ashe <d\_m\_ashe@fws.gov>, Rowan Gould <r\_w\_gould@fws.gov>, "Sobeck, Eileen" <Eileen\_Sobeck@ios.doi.gov>, "Washburn, Kevin" <Kevin.Washburn@bia.gov>, Mike Black <Mike.Black@bia.gov>, Jack Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Keable <Edward.Keable@sol.doi.gov>, Mary Kendall <Mary\_Kendall@doioig.gov>, Stephen Hardgrove <stephen\_hardgrove@doioig.gov>, Michele Singer <michele\_singer@ost.doi.gov>, Mark Davis <mark\_davis@ost.doi.gov>  
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**Subject:** Moving forward with shutdown procedures

Good evening everyone,

We have been asked to commence our shutdown procedures. For most of you, this practically means that activity starts first thing Tuesday morning. I paste below the

directive from OMB Director Burwell. Thanks for all you are doing to make this go smoothly and let us know if we can help with anything before we gather again at 2 tomorrow.

Laura

September 30, 2013

M-13-24

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS  
AND AGENCIES

FROM: Sylvia M. Burwell  
Director

SUBJECT: Update on Status of Operations

This memorandum follows the September 17, 2013, Memorandum M-13-22, and provides an update on the potential lapse of appropriations.

Appropriations provided under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113-6) expire at 11:59 pm tonight. Unfortunately, we do not have a clear indication that Congress will act in time for the President to sign a Continuing Resolution before the end of the day tomorrow, October 1, 2013. Therefore, agencies should now execute plans for an orderly shutdown due to the absence of appropriations. We urge Congress to act quickly to pass a Continuing Resolution to provide a short-term bridge that ensures sufficient time to pass a budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, and to restore the operation of critical public services and programs that will be impacted by a lapse in appropriations.

Agencies should continue to closely monitor developments, and OMB will provide further guidance as appropriate. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and the work you and your agencies do on behalf of the American people.



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## BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY NEWS RELEASE Government Shutdown Forces Closure of Blue Ridge Parkway Facilities

1 message

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Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 3:42 PM

Bcc: 570WWNC@clearchannel.com, allen.johnson@asheville.k12.nc.us, becky@smokymountainnews.com, bfishburne@bellsouth.net, bkinney@businessnc.com, lynn@thesylvaerald.com, pishgahinn@aol.com, bsayer@wcqs.org, news@ashevilledailyplanet.com, news@mountainx.com, mwilliams@mountainx.com, editor@weavertribune.com, darogers@bsaemail.org, dave@wncw.org, dhurand@wcqs.org, dneal@citizen-times.com, chris@newsrecordandsentinel.com, elderhayes@wresfm.com, ffraboni@sbgvtv.com, garyb2b@gmail.com, info@smokymountainnews.com, jball@citizen-times.com, jbellemee@ashevillenow.com, jboyle@citizen-times.com, kchavez@citizen-times.com, jcress@sbgnet.com, jeffdavis@clearchannel.com, jennifer.freelance@gmail.com, jennifer@blackmountainnews.com, greggjensen@clearchannel.com, jessica.goodman@blueridgenow.com, jfrankel@mountainx.com, judy.davidson@buncombecounty.org, Kathy.Hughes@buncombecounty.org, katrinamorgan@bellsouth.net, lynda\_C\_Doucette@nps.gov, kdonaldson@crossroadschronicle.com, kelly.boan@foxcarolina.com, lewchristoffel@clearchannel.com, mbarrett@citizen-times.com, msaylor@wspsa.com, myweaverville@gmail.com, news@themountaineer.com, news@transylvaniatimes.com, production@sophiemagazine.com, assignmentdesk@wspsa.com, rlarkin@wncmagazine.com, wteditor@weavertribune.com, sweetashvegas@hotmail.com, elsims@aol.com, news@wlos.com, mtambellini@ashevillechamber.org, maryjg@chimneyrockpark.com, tom@craftguild.org, tomhardy@blueridgeparkway.org, bmccllement@avradio.com, charles.wilder@ncdenr.gov, info@wscgs.org, events@949starcountry.com, jreiff@exploreasheville.com, john\_mitchell@burr.senate.gov, jonathan@yanceycountynews.com, info@ncblueridge.com, bhenderson@charlotteobserver.com, dstephens@exploreasheville.com, sbrown@exploreasheville.com, susan@yanceycountynews.com, info@blueridgeparkway.org, Ali Mangkang <ali@blueridgeparkway.org>, josiowle@nc-cherokee.com, dana\_soehn@nps.gov, calendar@wncparent.com, edmcocoy@ourvalley.org, gwitt@news-record.com, staff@friendsbrp.org, bmckenzie@dailyprogress.com, booneyogini@gmail.com, wjpjule@charter.net, jfaulconer@newsadvance.com, karen\_beck-herzog@nps.gov, Karen Searle <karens@easternnational.org>, marthaq@nando.com, info@virtualblueridge.com, mmartin@wsps.com, joslin@lmc.edu, mdoyle@wbt.com, 940@wkyk.com, susan\_mills@friendsbrp.org, news@wcyb.tv, news@wghp.com, wheo@sitestar.net, assignmentdesk@wjhl.com, news@wsps.com, krheinheimer@leisurepublishing.com, ryan.fitzpatrick@mail.house.gov, pete.larkin@mail.house.gov, freddie\_harrill@hagan.senate.gov, drew\_lumpkin@warner.senate.gov, margo@visitnc.com, gene@earthhome.us, newspaper@mountaintimes.com, tom.mayer@wataugademocrat.com, news@wsjournal.com, mtfrontdesk@mountaintimes.com, newspaper@wataugademocrat.com, newspaper@ashemountaintimes.com, editor@averyjournal.com, office@blowingrocket.com, newsroom@therecordofwilkes.com, wilkesgazette@yahoo.com, wilkesjp@wilkes.net, fhayes@wilkes.net, averypost@yahoo.com, director@sparta-nc.com, news@alleganynews.com, harris@grandfather.com, blowingrocket@wataugademocrat.com, jsparks@wsjournal.com, marcia@chetola.com, cocdirector@yanceychamber.com, mmitchell@wsjournal.com, editor@mittchellnews.com, pjensen@mittchell-county.com, nicholson@wataugademocrat.com, syoungquist@wsjournal.com, shise@mittchell-county.com, ljohnson@charlotteobserver.com, editor@blowingrocknews.com, apraleigh@ap.org, aaron.whitener@mail.house.gov, cburton@ap.org, jmilburn@foreverresorts.com, wattman\_1@hotmail.com, ajnews@xtn.net, parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net, rrobinson@morganton.com, rerwin@link.freedom.com, ranjohns@aol.com, rbowman@timesdispatch.com, rbarnett@greenvillenews.com, peakstull@aol.com, shedgecock@hpe.com, crabtree2@hughes.net, nwtp@skybest.com, jim.hanchett@wcav.tv, news@galaxgazette.com, sstanley@civitasmedia.com, todd.jackson@roanoke.com, info@martinsvillebulletin.com, jpatrick@bristolnews.com, berickson@registerbee.com, jsimmons@wythenews.com, aworrell@civitasmedia.com, sarah@southwesttimes.com, melinda@southwesttimes.com, tsaunders@wdbj7.com, jmarks@wdbj7.com, news@wfirnews.com, news@bedfordbulletin.com, cfox@visitroanokeva.com, scameron@bristolnews.com, cuthoff@bristolnews.com, news@roanoke.com, jeff.sturgeon@roanoke.com, ebays@rtv.org, fnpcharles@franklinnews-post.com, info@blueridgepbs.org, kbarker@virginia.org, news@wdbj7.com, tlewis@leisuremedia360.com,



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## **Government Shutdown Forces Closure of Blue Ridge Parkway Facilities**

Asheville, NC – Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service (NPS) has closed all 401 national park units, including the Blue Ridge Parkway. All visitor facilities including all NPS Visitor Centers, historic sites, park hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, picnic areas and restrooms – except for the main motor road, a thru way – are closed. These park facilities will remain closed until the government reopens.

Chief Ranger Stinnett said that park visitors in all overnight campgrounds and lodges will be given until 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, October 3 to make travel arrangements and leave the park. In addition, all park programs and special events have been canceled.

The Blue Ridge Parkway hosts approximately 70,000 visitors on average each day in October; nationally, more than 715,000 visitors a day frequent the National Park System. Nationwide the NPS stands to lose approximately \$450,000 per day in lost revenue from fees collected at entry stations and fees paid for in-park activities such as cave tours, boat rides and camping. Gateway communities across the country see about \$76 million per day in total sales from visitor spending that is lost during a government shutdown.

At the Blue Ridge Parkway, 195 National Park Service employees are on furlough because of the shutdown and approximately 200 concessions' employees are similarly affected. 43 National Park Service employees remain on duty, providing law enforcement, security and emergency services.

Nationwide the shutdown has also furloughed more than 20,000 National Park Service employees; approximately 3,000 employees remain on duty to ensure essential health, safety, and security functions at parks and facilities. About 12,000 park concessions employees are also affected.

Because it will not be maintained, the National Park Service website will be down for the duration of the shutdown. NPS.gov has more than 750,000 pages and 91 million unique visitors each year.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit [www.doi.gov/shutdown](http://www.doi.gov/shutdown).

Steve Stinnett

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## Requirement to Maintain All Written Communications and Documents Related to the Shutdown

1 message

Stinnett, Steve &lt;steve\_stinnett@nps.gov&gt;

Mon, Oct 7, 2013 at 11:16 AM

To: NPS BLRI Protection Rangers <blri\_protection\_rangers@nps.gov>, NPS BLRI Communications <blri\_communications@nps.gov>

Cc: Mark Woods <mark\_woods@nps.gov>

We fully expect to be responding to FOIA requests and civil discovery. Do not discard or delete any emails or documents related to the Shutdown including personal emails (if you sent or received it on your government owned device you may have opened the door for FOIA and/or subpoena of personal communications). Realize that the DOI email system archives all email traffic. Deleting a message does not make it go away. That does not relieve you of your responsibility to maintain your records.

I recommend that you create a folder to store all Shutdown related emails and tag each sent message with the same Shutdown tag.

With that in mind caution should be taken in conducting unofficial or personal correspondence related to the Government Shutdown on government owned devices such as cell phones and computers.

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**Fwd: Impacts to Parkway if Government Shutdown Occurs**

2 messages

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**Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>  
To: Marianne Mills <marianne\_mills@nps.gov>

Wed, Feb 26, 2014 at 1:43 PM

Sorry,

Here is another message responsive to the FOIA re: BLRI shutdown

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From: **Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>  
Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 4:24 PM  
Subject: Impacts to Parkway if Government Shutdown Occurs  
To: NPS BLRI All Employees <blri\_all\_employees@nps.gov>

Everyone,

We just received guidance on responding to media and public inquiries. I'm including pertinent information below for your use. Additionally, the DOI website at: <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown> is the best place to find the latest information.

You may provide the following information if you are comfortable doing so:

- We strongly believe that a lapse in appropriations should not occur and there is enough time for Congress to act. However, we are taking prudent steps to plan for an orderly shutdown if one occurs.
- In the event of a lapse in appropriations, visitors will be asked to leave the park.
- Park staff will close facilities and gated sections of the parkway. (Safe access to Mt. Mitchell State Park will be maintained from Highway 70 to Highway 80.)
- Concessions facilities will close.
- Of 238 employees currently in pay status, 196 will be furloughed. The remaining 42 employees will provide law enforcement and emergency services.

While we can respond to media inquiries, we are not to be proactive with the media by volunteering information. If reporters want additional information, please direct them to [jessica\\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov), 202-208-6416.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Monika Mayr  
Deputy Superintendent  
Blue Ridge Parkway



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**Mills, Marianne** <marianne\_mills@nps.gov>  
To: "Mayr, Monika" <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>

Wed, Feb 26, 2014 at 1:44 PM

Well, then. I take back those words of endearment!

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**Fwd: Media and Public Inquiries**

1 message

**Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>

Wed, Feb 26, 2014 at 1:44 PM

To: Marianne Mills &lt;marianne\_mills@nps.gov&gt;

OK, this is the last one responsive to the FOIA on BLRI shutdown.

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From: **Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>

Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 8:51 AM

Subject: Re: Media and Public Inquiries

To: Peter Givens &lt;peter\_givens@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: "Gonshor, Susan" &lt;susan\_gonshor@nps.gov&gt;, "Brandon, Leesa" &lt;leesa\_brandon@nps.gov&gt;, Steve Stinnett &lt;steve\_stinnett@nps.gov&gt;, Mark Woods &lt;mark\_woods@nps.gov&gt;

Peter,

At this point, our guidance is not to be proactive, but rather to respond to inquiries.

I'll let you know if that changes as guidance to visitors would be helpful. As you know, we won't be able to refer them to the website because it will be shutdown also.

Monika Mayr  
Deputy Superintendent  
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On Sun, Sep 29, 2013 at 8:42 PM, Peter Givens <peter\_givens@nps.gov> wrote:

I'll send info on calls and contacts in the morning. Would an "park alert" on the website be appropriate tomorrow as a precursor or warning as what to expect Tuesday if we're closed?

Peter Givens  
Blue Ridge Parkway  
(540) 767 2492 ext 16

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2013, at 2:55 PM, "Gonshor, Susan" <[susan\\_gonshor@nps.gov](mailto:susan_gonshor@nps.gov)> wrote:

I think it would be useful to keep a media contact log of any calls we each receive regarding the possible lapse in appropriations. Could be a useful talking point in the future regarding public interest and can help us be sure we are not being called by the same reporter(s) looking for one of us will give a different or more detailed answer.

After looking at the guidance we have gotten so far, my only question is if roads that are thruways are to be kept open, will we keep the commuter zones in Roanoke and Asheville open?

Steve - I am assuming that dispatch will have the on line real time map updated if/when changes occur.

See you all tomorrow.

Susan Gonshor  
Chief of Resource Interpretation and Education  
828-348-3428 (o)  
New and improved cell (b) (6)  
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On Sat, Sep 28, 2013 at 11:52 AM, Brandon, Leesa <[leesa\\_brandon@nps.gov](mailto:leesa_brandon@nps.gov)> wrote:  
Peter,

Thanks. Lots of guidance. We'll see what Monday brings... And more importantly Tuesday.

Leesa

On Saturday, September 28, 2013, Givens, Peter <[peter\\_givens@nps.gov](mailto:peter_givens@nps.gov)> wrote:

> Mark, Monika, Susan, Lessa (and others)...

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> Keeping up with these messages about our plans and procedures. Leesa, let me know if I can help or assist in anything that needs to be done prior to Monday.

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> Peter S Givens, Interpretive Specialist

> Blue Ridge Parkway

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> On Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 9:14 PM, Mark Woods <[mark\\_woods@nps.gov](mailto:mark_woods@nps.gov)> wrote:

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>> Thanks

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>> Sent from my iPhone

>> On Sep 27, 2013, at 6:34 PM, Peter Givens <[peter\\_givens@nps.gov](mailto:peter_givens@nps.gov)> wrote:  
>>  
>> Thanks. I did an interview with a local station today about the fall season and got one question about shutdown. I think I followed these general guidelines.  
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>> Peter Givens  
>> Blue Ridge Parkway  
>> (540) 767 2492 ext 16  
>> Sent from my iPhone  
>> On Sep 27, 2013, at 4:02 PM, "Mayr, Monika" <[monika\\_mayr@nps.gov](mailto:monika_mayr@nps.gov)> wrote:  
>>  
>> Tina, Peter, Lorrie, Michele,  
>> We just received additional guidance on responding to media and public inquiries. I'm including pertinent information below in case you want to respond to questions at events or in visitor centers this weekend. If not, please direct local reporters to [jessica\\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov), 202-208-6416; direct national reporters to the Washington communications office (202-206-6843; [mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)). The DOI website at: <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown> is the best place to find the latest information.  
>> You may provide the following information if you are comfortable doing so:  
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>> We strongly believe that a lapse in appropriations should not occur and there is enough time for Congress to act. However, we are taking prudent steps to plan for an orderly shutdown if one occurs.  
>> In the event of a lapse in appropriations, park staff will close facilities and gated sections of the parkway. Visitors will be asked to leave the park.  
>> Of 238 employees currently in pay status, 196 will be furloughed. The remaining 42 employees will protect property, health and safety.  
>>  
>> While we can respond to media inquiries, we are not to be proactive with the media by volunteering information.  
>> Please let me know if you have any questions.  
>> Thank you,  
>> Monika Mayr  
>> Deputy Superintendent  
>> Blue Ridge Parkway  
>> 199 Hemphill Knob Road  
>> Asheville, NC 28803  
>> 828-348-3403  
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**Fwd: WASO Decided that BLRI Gates Will Remain OPEN**

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**Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>  
To: Marianne Mills <marianne\_mills@nps.gov>  
Cc: Mark Woods <mark\_woods@nps.gov>

Wed, Feb 26, 2014 at 1:21 PM

Marianne,

This is the only message that I came up with besides all the ones from the Region or WASO.

Monika Mayr  
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From: **Mayr, Monika** <monika\_mayr@nps.gov>  
Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 3:00 PM  
Subject: WASO Decided that BLRI Gates Will Remain OPEN  
To: NPS BLRI Management Team <nps\_blri\_management\_team@nps.gov>

Everyone,

The Washington Office leadership just decided that we should not close our gates during a shutdown. All other facilities, however, will be closed.

Monika Mayr  
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**From:** [Mark Woods](#)  
**To:** [Shawn Bengel](#); [Gordon Wissinger](#)  
**Subject:** BLRI  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 09, 2013 7:04:28 PM

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Shawn/Gordon,

As follow up to our call earlier I confirmed the following with Steve. Delaware North's Regional Director did call inquiring about concessions. He may have called Sue Waldron. Mary Mill also called and advised they are being encouraged by members of congress to open. She prefers to move ahead legally, but will likely start the opening process tomorrow so that she can be ready for the weekend.

Tom Bailey with the Folk Art Center called and asked what is happening. He did not indicate that they are going to open without permission.

None of the areas are blocked off except Craft Shop in Cone Manor. There have been no media calls. They appear to be going direct to concessionaires.

Mark H. Woods  
Superintendent  
Blue Ridge Parkway

Sent from my iPad